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STUDY REPORT

1. BY LETTER OF DECEMBER 17, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS SECRET-
ARY GENERAL VREBOS HAS SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING BELGIAN COMMENTS
ON THE US DRAFT ROAD DAFETY PILOT STUDY REPORT. COPIES OF VREBOS'
LETTER AND A TRANSLATION FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

2. MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION (II-2):

A. WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS, IT IS
NOTED THAT BELGIAN INSPECTIONS HAVE COMBINED SAFETY AND EXHAUST
EMISSION CONTROLS SINCE JANUARY 1, 1973 FOR GASOLINE DRIVEN
VEHICLES AND SINCE 1964 FOR DIESEL FEULED VEHICLES;

B. UNDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL ACTION, PARA 1.A.
SHOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE CHASSIS AND LIGHTING, THE
CONDITION OF WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO SAFETY;

C. THE FRENCH VERSION OF THE FOURTH RECOMMENDATION FOR
NATIONAL ACTION OMITTS THE PHRASE "TO TRAIN SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS
AND POLICE INVESTIGATORS";

D. THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH (A.) OF THE PROPOSED
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ANNEX TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY SERVES NO

USEFUL PURPOSE, SINCE THE COST OF REPAIRS VARIES CONSIDERABLY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY AND, WITHIN A SINGLE COUNTRY, DEPENDS UPON THE TYPE (BRAND) VEHICLE. COST BENEFIT STUDIES WOULD BE EXPENSIVE AS WELL AS IMPRACTICAL, AND THE MONEY AND EFFORT WOULD BE BETTER SPEND ON THE MORE URGENT AUTOMATIZATION OF INSPECTION AND STANDARDIZATION OF EQUIPMENT, CRITERIA AND VEHICLES.

3. ALCOHOL AND HIGHWAY SAFETY (II-4). THE PROPOSED ANNEX TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION MIGHT BE MADE MORE CONCERET BY INCLUSION OF PROPOSAL FOR A UNIFORM BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL FOR USE IN ALL COUNTRIES AS A COMMON DEFINITION OF WHAT CONSITUTES DRUNKEN DRIVING. BY WAY OF ISSULTRATION, THE ECMT, WHICH INCLUDES MANY NATO MEMBERS, RECOMMENDED IN 1968 THAT THE BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL BE SET AT .8 PERCENT.

4. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS (II-5). BELGIAN SUPPORTS THE CHANGES PROPOSED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING IN PARIS.

5. EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLES (II-7):

A. IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED BY MANUFACTURERS ATTEMPTING TO BUILD LIGHT-WEIGHT ESV'S, THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE INSERTED BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD PRE-AMBULAR PARAGRAPHS OF THE PROPOSED ANNEX TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION: "CONSIDERING THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS MUST NOT, HOWEVER, LEAD TO A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLES THAT COULD HAVE THE EFFECTS OF MAKING DRIVING MORE DIFFICULT AND INCREASING FEUL CONSUMPTION AND, CONSEQUENTLY, ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION."

B. ALSO IN THE PROPOSED ANNEX, THE PENULTIMATE ITEM IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH C. MERELY REPEATS THE SECOND ITEM, WHICH SHOULD BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS: "REDUCING AGRESSIVITY IN ACCIDENTS INVOLVING TWO VEHICLES OR A VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIANS".

6. FORMAT FOR EXCHANGING ROAD SAFETY ACTION PROGRAMS (APPENDIX 4). BELGIUM AGREES TO THE PROPOSAL.

7. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. COMMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY BY PROJECT LEADER DE COSTER.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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